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TO SACRAMENTO . . . Miss Los Angeles County for 1965, Beth Adams of Torrance, is in Sacramento to participate in the Maid of California contest being held in conjunction with the California State Fair. Miss Adams, 22, resides at 2248 W. 229th Place. She was chosen to represent Los Angeles County during judging at Marina del Rey earlier this month.

Payola Hint Jolts Council; Insurance Program Switched

Riviera Project Studied

Action on a tentative tract map involving 59 hillside homesites in the Riviera section of Torrance was delayed for a week by City Councilmen last night.

The delay was suggested by Mayor Albert Isen after Charis Holeman, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, raised several questions about possible geological hazards in the area.

The proposed development is located south of Calle Mayor and west of Newton Street. J. H. Barton Construction Co. will do the building.

THE TRACT had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to a 19-point list of conditions. At issue is the requirement for an exhaustive geological test of the area. Homeowners also want some kind of insurance to protect them from possible slides in the area.

Holeman will meet with City Engineer Walter Nollac, Barton, and property owners who adjoin the proposed tract to iron out differences during the next few days. A report will be given to the council next Tuesday, when final action on the tract is expected.

IN OTHER matters, the council:

• Accepted the improvement of Anza Avenue between Del Amo and Torrance boulevards and authorized payment of \$138,582.17 to the contractor for the work.

• Approved a recommendation by the city's traffic and lighting department to prohibit left turns from the northbound lanes on Hawthorne Avenue onto Garnet Street.

• Approved an agreement between the city and the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., for the fiscal year. The city has budgeted \$2,500 for youth band activities.

• Ordered all work in progress to extend Garnet Street. (Continued on A-5)

Back-to-School Values Today In Press-Herald

It's "Back to School" time in the Southland.

Today's edition of the Press-Herald is chock full of back-to-school news and of suggestions for this fall's school needs.

A special section of school news begins today on Page B-1, and other values are included throughout the edition.

City Cites Retiring AF General

Lt. Gen. Archie J. Old Jr., retiring commander of the 15th Air Force, was honored Tuesday at March Air Force Base when the city of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce jointly presented him with the community's official plaque.

The award cited General Old for "significant service to the community" in support of the city's annual Armed Forces Day celebrations during the period 1960-65.

Dow Chemical Names New Manager

New manager of the Dow Chemical Company's plastics production plant in Torrance is Albert L. Holiday. He succeeds D. W. Ryan, who is transferring to the company's corporate headquarters in Midland, Mich.

Holiday, who lives at 5352 Ironwood Drive in Palos Verdes, received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University in 1954. He joined Dow in 1956 as a production engineer at the company's Pittsburg, Calif., plant, and has been superintendent of Dow's polypropylene plant at Torrance since 1964.



SMOOTH PADDLING . . . Randy Saunders and Phil Glenn are pictured here as they paddle a relaxed counselor, Mike Murphy, around Jackson Lake. Canoeing was one of the most popular pastimes during the Torrance Family YMCA camping program. Nearly 1,500 persons participated in the "Y" camping program, attending such camps as Nitchi Wahoo at Jackson Lake.

Summer Camping Program Concludes This Weekend

Nearly 1,500 persons attended one of the Torrance Family YMCA camping sessions during the spring and summer season, enjoying a week at one of the "Y" camps, according to Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the YMCA.

A total of 1,483 men, women, boys, and girls participated in the program, representing an increase of 210 over last summer, Wilcox reported. Camps were open at Big Pine, Tippycahoe, Mozumdar, Nitchi Wahoo, and Round Meadow.

Camp activities included swimming, hiking, over night campouts, campfire ceremonies, singing, riflery, archery, canoeing, and spiritual guidance.

ONE EXAMPLE of the adventurous spirit of the YMCA campers was a 1,800-mile trip to Utah. Mrs. Priscilla Swartz and Cliff Duncan accompanied a group of 31 teenagers on the trip, which

included a 65-mile canoe adventure down the swift Green River in the Lodore Canyon at Dinosaur National Monument.

The six-day canoe trip included shooting some of the dangerous Green River rapids, fishing, paddling, and camping along the river banks beneath sheer 1,000-foot cliffs.

THIS WEEKEND will end the summer program when 120 older youths and leaders will leave the YMCA—headed in three different directions.

Forty-two men and older boys will hike the Trans Sierra Trail 75 miles over the Whitney crest, while 20 girls (led by Priscilla Swartz) will back-pack across the Bishop Pass into Dusey Basin and

Grouse Meadow for four days.

The third group, composed of boys 12 and 13, will be traveling through Bishop to Rock Creek, June Lake Loop, Bodie Ghost Town, the Virginia Lakes, and the Walker River.

MOST OF the summer camps and treks were restricted to California, which "Y" groups spending time in Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Big Basin, Lassen, on the Colorado River, and on the state's beaches.

Some youngsters did, however, visit places such as Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Salt Lake City, the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion parks, Crater Lake, and Lake Meade.

With the opening of school but two weeks away, "Y" leaders are making plans for the numerous clubs which will be directing fall and winter activities.

Gag on Agents Denied

Hints that payola might be involved in the selection of an insurance plan for city employees triggered a sharp debate during last night's session of the City Council.

The debate erupted as councilmen took up a request by city employee groups that an insurance plan underwritten by Pacific Mutual Insurance Co. be dumped in favor of a Blue Cross plan.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro had expressed objections to the switch based on the fact that specifications were not prepared for a plan and bids were not solicited. Ferraro said his objections had nothing to do with an analysis of any insurance plan.

COUNCILMAN George Vico had started the debate with a comment that the employes should choose the plan since they pay for the bulk of it. He then directed several questions at Ferraro, wanting to know why representatives of the insurance company had been asked not to speak to councilmen.

"It seems like the City Manager doesn't want the insurance companies talking to us," Vico said, then added, "Blue Cross doesn't pay commissions. The other (company) does."

Ferraro told Vico he had asked the representatives not to discuss administration of any plan with councilmen because "The administration is my responsibility."

"I have no knowledge of what commissions are," Ferraro continued. "If the context is that someone in the city has received a commission, then I'd like specific charges."

VICO DENIED that he was making any charge of payments, but Ken Miller quick-Continued on A-5)

Building Pace Slows in City

Building permits valued at \$1.4 million were issued by the city during July, bringing to \$16,670,565 the total of all permits issued since the beginning of the year.

Most of 251 permits issued during July were for additions and repairs to existing structures, although 10 new homes will be built under three permits issued. Those three permits were valued at \$288,120.

Major permits issued during the month included a \$200,000 permit for founda-

tion work on the new Bullocks Fashion Square, now under construction on the northeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Carson Street.

Mobil Oil Co. received a permit valued at \$12,000 for a foundation-fired heater refinery at the Mobil refinery here. The construction is the initial part of an \$80 million expansion and modernization program at the refinery.

Actual values of the July permits was placed at \$1,442,093.

REPORT FROM EUROPE

Italians Find Best Cold War Weapon

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of reports which Torrance Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. is writing for the Press-Herald. Sciarrotta, now on vacation in Europe, writes today from Florence, Italy.)

By

ROSS A. SCIARROTTA SR.

FLORENCE, ITALY—More

and more I find that the people of Italy have a great admiration for the late John F. Kennedy, but are somewhat divided on their opinions of President Johnson. They feel that he does not stick to the principles he believes in and fight for them all down the line. They picture Johnson as a compromiser of principles and this does not make him great because great men do

not compromise principles.

Many Italians feel that he bungled when he escalated the war in Viet Nam and also bungled in the Dominican Republic controversy. Many Italians, however, feel that it's about time the United States did something to show the Communists that the free world is not going to be shoved around.

The most prevalent sentiment here in Italy is that the United States should use all of her energies in organizing the free world not to sell to the Communist countries. They admit that most of the nations of Europe have been selling consumer goods to the Communist world, but the sales were very small and rather insignificant.

The sale of wheat to Russia by the United States caused a mad scramble for the Communist trade by the countries of Europe. If the U. S. would have held out, in time most of the European countries would have fallen in line.

This is the way they reason: The democracies have half a billion people, the communists have one billion people. The democracies, with only a sixth of the world's population, produce two-thirds of the world's consumer goods. The rest of the world produces the other third. Therefore, the democracies have a weapon—consumer goods—which they are not using to fullest advantage. If the democracies would refuse to trade with

the communist world, it would prove disastrous to the communists. To achieve this, the U. S. should provide the proper leadership. It's a hard thing to achieve, but it can be done.

The democracies, with their consumer goods, certainly have an advantageous point to really win over the non-aligned countries or contested areas.

The Italians also contend that if the communists do get control of the so-called backward countries, they would not be able to hold on to them if they were not furnished the necessities of life. They say, "consumer goods are the greatest weapon and we should use it to the fullest advantage."



VISITS HERE . . . Robert C. Temple, district

governor for Rotary International, visited the Torrance Rotary Club last week and conferred with President Don Hyde and other club officers about club activities. Temple is past president of the Hollywood Rotary Club, the first to be elected district governor since 1939. He is president of Queen for a Day and has been associated with that program since its beginning.

College Costs Revealed . . .

Costs of preparing the site study and feasibility report on the South Torrance site proposed for South Bay State College were reported to the City Council last night. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, whose office directed preparation of the site report, said the city had spent \$6,381. Councilmen appropriated the money from the city's general fund.

City Crews on Holiday . . .

Rubbish collection crews in Torrance will not work Monday because of the Labor Day holiday, City Engineer Walter Nollac announced today. Nollac said trash collections would be one day late next week, with crews working on Saturday. The crews will not observe Admission Day, Thursday, Sept. 9.

Recluse Leaves Riches . . .

Joseph Sylvester Siskok, 70-year-old retired employe of Rome Cable, died in his 88-a-week hotel room in downtown Torrance over the weekend, leaving behind only his few articles of clothing and a battered suitcase. The suitcase contained four \$1,000 war bonds currently worth \$1,500 each, 74 bonds worth \$39 each, a bankbook showing a balance of \$11,500, and a paid-up insurance policy worth \$,590. Total value of the cash and securities was placed at \$26,000, it was reported by Torrance Detective James Bell.